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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL

Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. §132, effective on May 29, 2000, provides for continued examination of a utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995.
See the American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).

Application Number	09/234,182
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Group Art Unit	1644
Examiner Name	ROARK, JESSICA H.
Attorney Docket Number	39766-0093 A

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. §1.114 of the above-identified application.
NOTE: 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. s 1.53(d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 20000), which established RCE practice.

- Submission required under 37 C.F.R. §1.114.
 - ☐ Previously submitted
 - ☐ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. §1.116 previously filed on
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered)
 - ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on
 - ☐ Other
 - ☒ Enclosed
 - ☒ Amendment/Reply (Preliminary Amendment and Response (12 pages)
 - ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
 - ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
 - ☒ Other Applicant Hereby Petitions to Submit Color Photos/Drawings with 3 sets of color drawing and black/white photocopy; Copies of Assignments (09/489,394 and 09/234,182 - 15 pages); and Postcard.
- Miscellaneous
 - ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F. R. § 1.17(i) required)
 - ☐ Other
- Fees The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.
 - ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees of \$1,850.00, and any other fees, or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 08-1641 (Docket No. 39766-0093 A)
 - ☒ RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) (\$770.00)
 - ☒ Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17) - 3 Months - \$950.00
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

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Dear Sir:

This Preliminary Amendment and Response accompanies a Request for Continued Prosecution of the above-indicated application, and is in response to the Office Action mailed April 2, 2003 (Paper No. 32), from which a Notice of Appeal was filed July 1, 2003. Applicants request an extension of time of three months, so that this Amendment and Response is timely filed.

Enclosed is a petition for submission of color drawings under 37 C.F.R. §1.84(a)(2) that accompanies this Amendment and Response.

Please amend the specification and claims as indicated below.

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